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1875-1905

836-834 Battery Ave. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

836 Battery Ave. is an unusual two story, five bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice. There is a central entrance and long center hall running back to a room located at the rear of the house. The house was built in 1905 for Frederick Wessel, then owner of Wessel's Dept. store, a family business located at the south-west corner of Charles and Hamburg Streets. 834 Battery Ave. is a two story, 3 bay wide brick house with shed roof and bracketed cornice. Like its neighbor, 836 Battery Ave., the first floor door and window openings have round arched lintels and deep stone sills, thus giving the house a more Italianate, stylish appearance than the majority of two story, Victorian style houses in the area.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

834 Battery Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

—DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
—STRUCTURE  
—SITE  
—OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
—BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS  
—BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
—UNOCCUPIED  
—WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
—YES: UNRESTRICTED  
—NO

#### PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE —MUSEUM  
—COMMERCIAL —PARK  
—EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
—ENTERTAINMENT —RELIGIOUS  
—GOVERNMENT —SCIENTIFIC  
—INDUSTRIAL —TRANSPORTATION  
—MILITARY —OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This two story, three bay brick house with shed roof and modillion cornice was one of the last houses to be built in this block. The house occupies the south-west corner of Battery Ave. and Churchill St. and faces Federal Hill Park.

The house is two stories in height, 16' wide, and occupies a lot 51' deep. The house is seven bays deep with a later two story high, one bay deep rear addition. The house is constructed in running bond. The shed roof has a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of modillions and a row of embossed medallions. There is a hooded chimney located along the center section of the south side of the house.

The first floor openings have round arched lintels and the second floor openings have segmentally arched brick lintels. The sills are wood, deep and with a lower molding. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. On the Churchill St. facade the window openings have segmentally arched brick lintels and header sills. The windows are filled with the original 4/4 double hung sash. The Churchill St. facade window openings have scroll-sawed tympanums beneath the arched lintel. On the Battery Ave. facade, however, the sash are curved to fit the curve of the lintel. A row of decorative brickwork extends across the main facade at the transom level. A modern double door, with three panels each section, is set beneath a round arched single light transom, bordered by a row of quarter-round carvings and a row of cut-work scallops. The house sits on a fairly high basement, the entrance being reached by four marble steps set on a brick base. The steps runs parallel to the street. Two rectangular basement window openings with two light each are located beneath the first floor windows.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1876-1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT John J. Knight

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This small Victorian-style house is interesting for its unique decorative facade treatments and for the fact that it was built by the same builder who constructed the elaborate row of houses at 224-228 Warren Ave., in addition to the nearby house at 836 Battery Ave. The house represents a more elaborate version of the type of two story high, three bay wide Victorian-style house that was built in rows along Riverside Ave. to the south, or in the 1000 block of S. Hanover St. in the 1880's. This particular example, however, is quite individual and distinctive in its decoration and design.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 16' x 51'

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles5/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

1745 Circle Rd.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

RuxtonMaryland 21204

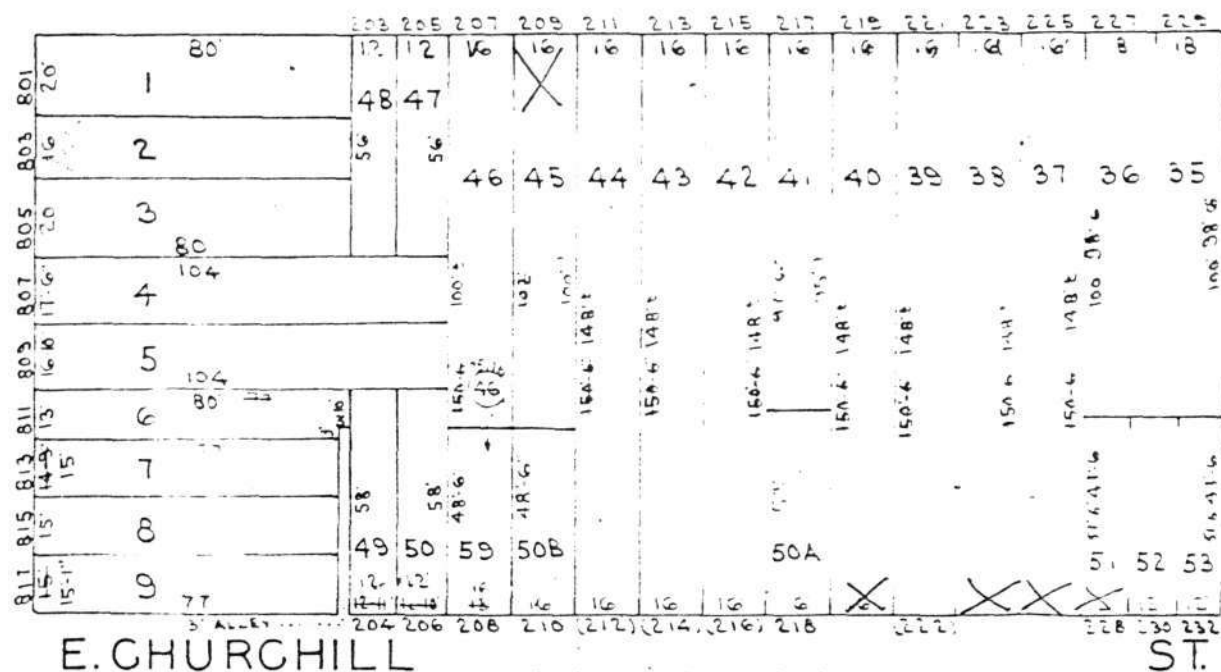
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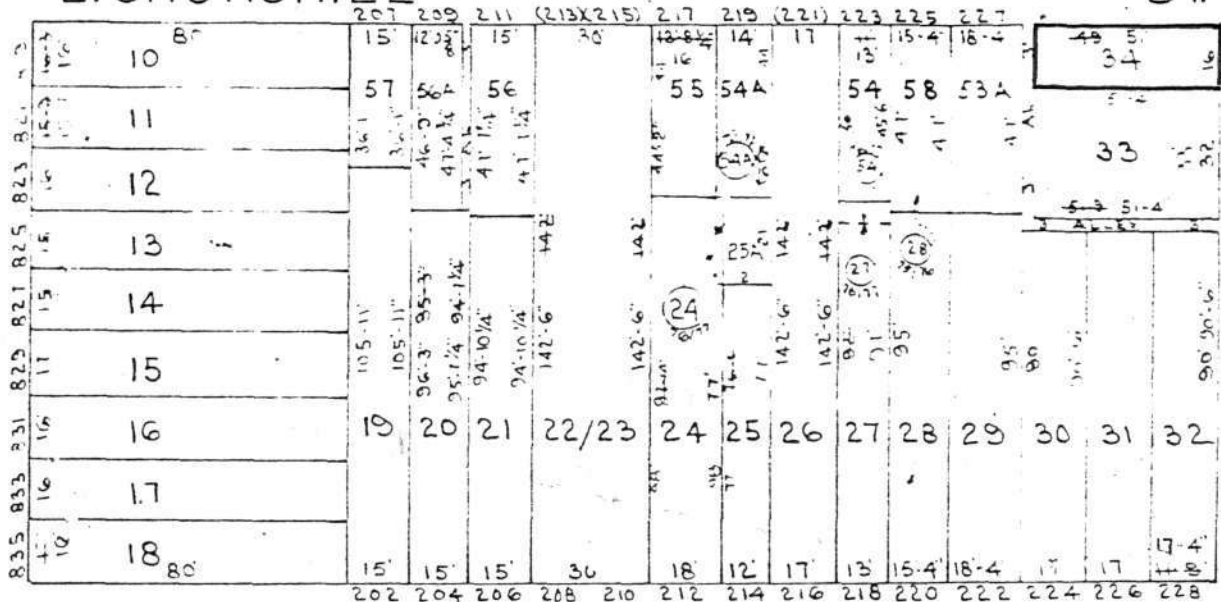
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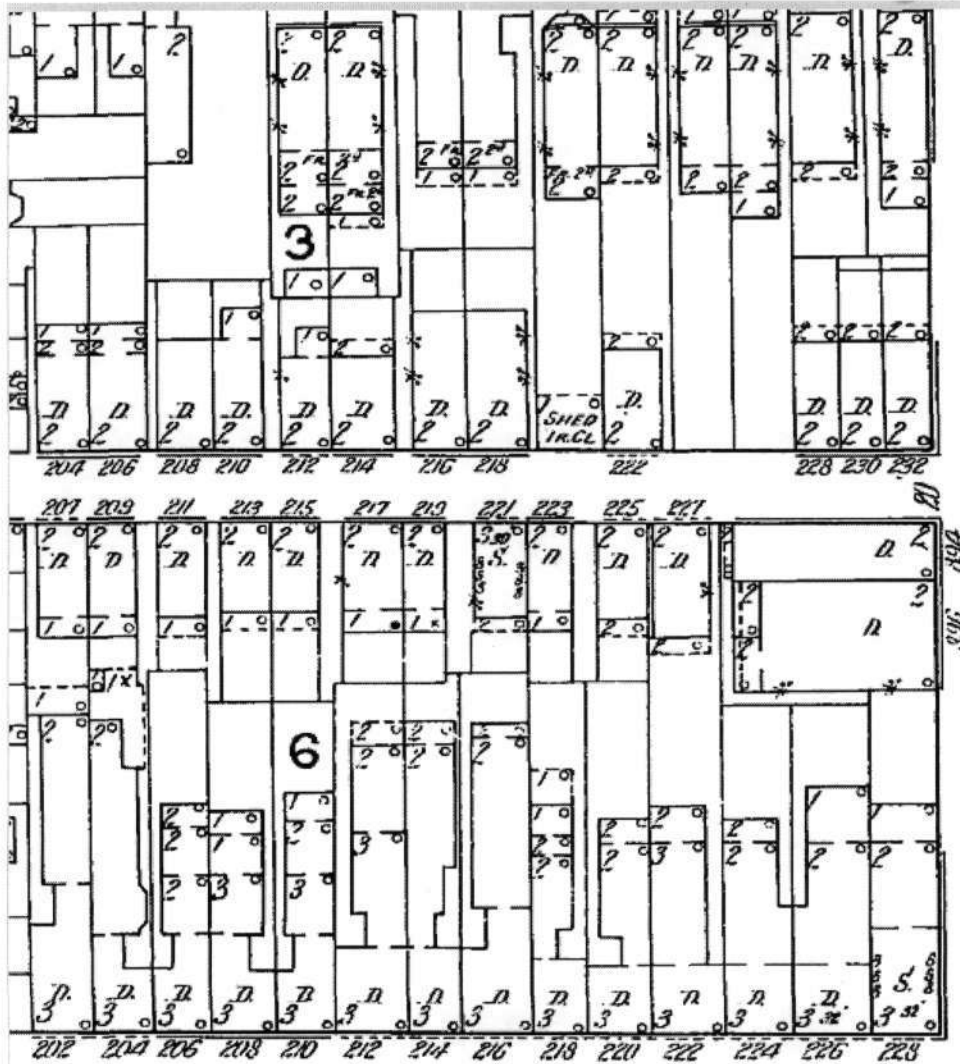
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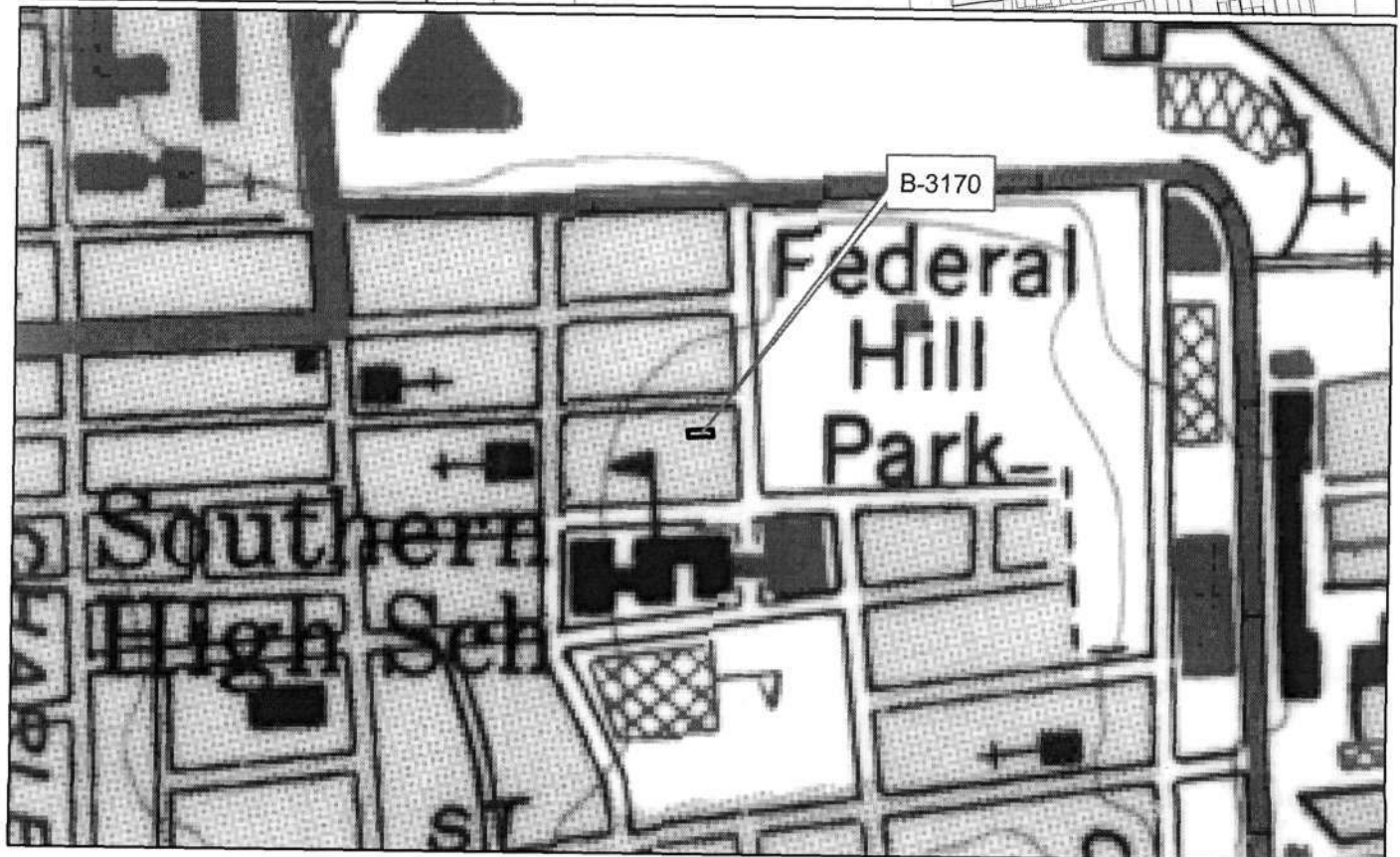
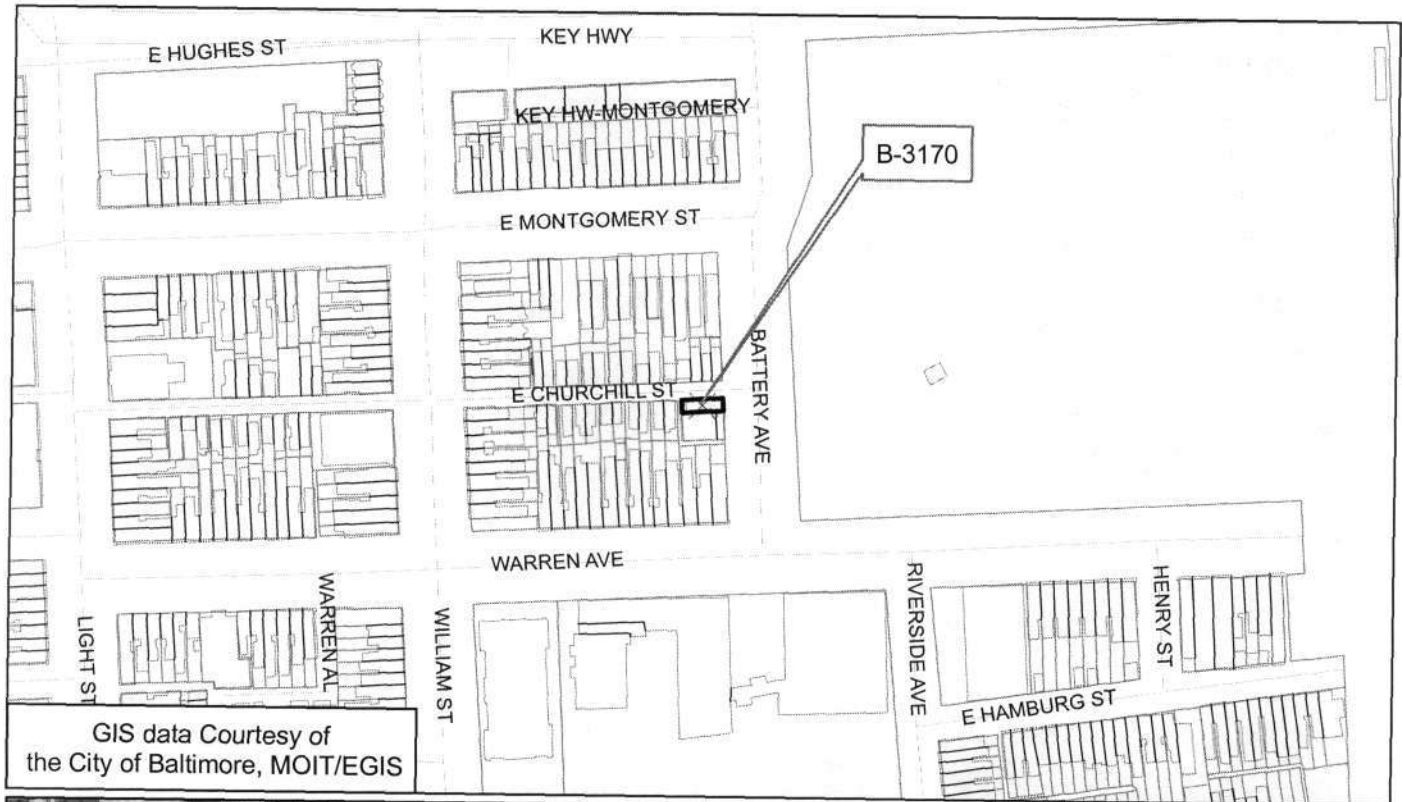
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894 Battery Avenue  
Block 0907 Lot 034  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





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East elevation